IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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> **RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF**

REQUIREMENT

SPECIES

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Yoshinori SHIZUNO

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated August 30, 2004, Applicant elects the embodiment of species A, as shown in Figures 1 through 3C, for examination. Claims 1, 4 and 6-9 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 1 through 3C. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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